

New stars at Canberra, Newcastle — inside



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We'll hit Czechs, says Rudi!

By KYLE PATTERSON

It's tough at the top



Puff, pant, wheeze ... we've made it!

Mark Jankovics (left), Eddie Krnecic, Peter Sherne and Greg Woodhouse (rear) at the top of one of the steepest sections of the Great Wall of China.

Will the Socceroos continue their climb against Czechoslovakia? Turn inside for our report on the China tour and our preview of the three-match series against the Czechs.

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scena st. 14.

Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf's commitment to attack will be put to the acid test when the Socceroos face the current European champion, Czechoslovakia in Canberra on Sunday in the first of three matches

Gutendorf and his players will need all the courage and conviction they can muster if the attacking policy is to be successful against them to conquer mighty West Germany in the European final in 1976.

The recent tour of China saw the emergence of the Australian team. Gutendorf has promised — an aggressive and attacking unit, so aggressive that often seven or eight players would push right up into attack, leaving the defence vulnerable.

But will the tactics that crushed Chinese provincial teams be equally successful against the European champions? Gutendorf may have his doubts, but no fears.

"I will attack as I did in China," he said this week. "If we lose we lose, but we must attack."

Czechoslovakia, which is coached by former Australian team boss Josef Venglos, is the first of many star-studded teams which visit Australia this year to mark 100 years of soccer in this country.

England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia will send national teams here this year. Leading club teams Real Madrid (Spain), Bayern Munich and Borussia Mönchengladbach (West Germany) are likely tourists.

Czechoslovakia recently thrashed Luxembourg 4-0 in Prague to ensure qualification for the 1980 European championships in

**Nally to
push
for TV**

By
Laurie Schwab

Patrick Nally, the dynamic young man behind the Australian Soccer Federation's \$1 million windfall, returns early next month to help put local soccer back on television.

The network or networks that accept Nally's proposal will get TV rights to Philips League soccer, the World Cup, the 1981 world youth championship, English soccer and European competitions.

The 0-10 network remains the most likely acceptor.

Television coverage is vital to the massive sponsorship programme negotiated by Nally.

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Italy. Scorers are Marian Masny (2), Panenka and Vizek.

The victory was achieved without star striker Zdenek Nehoda, who is injured. Nehoda, Masny and defensive giant Anton Ondrus are the stars of the team.

Because Czech players are in peak fitness, compared with the Australians' summer lull, coach Gutendorf may base his selection around Marconi, which has been active recently with a tour of Indonesia.

Victorians Jimmy

Rooney and Tommy Cumming look definite starters and Greg Woodhouse probably will play in goals.

Turn to pages eight and nine for a special supplement on the Czechs' tour.

AUSTRALIA vs CZECHOSLOVAKIA



CANBERRA — Bruce Stadium — Sunday January 27
SYDNEY — Sports Ground — Sunday February 3
MELBOURNE — Olympic Park — Saturday February 9
NEWCASTLE — Czechoslovakia vs Northern NSW International Sports Centre Wednesday January 30
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MARCONI UNBEATEN ON ASIAN TOUR

Peter Raskopoulos had a memorable introduction to his new club, Marconi, during its three-match tour of Indonesia.

Marconi returned home last week after winning the three matches with a goals tally of 11-0.

Raskopoulos, transferred from Sydney Olympic for \$15,000 just before the tour, fitted well into the team in the first match, a 4-0 victory over Djakarta.

With Ivo Prskalo still holidaying in Yugoslavia and John Russell unable to get time off work for the tour, Tony Henderson dropped back into defence, creating a midfield vacancy for Raskopoulos.

Gary Byrne and Roberto Vieri were the other two midfielders, while Peter Brogan took Russell's centre back position.

A former Rugby player, Raskopoulos was introduced to the Olympic first team at the age of 15 and went on to play

for the Australian youth team in New Zealand and Paraguay early last year.

The tour of Indonesia served as valuable pre-season preparation for Marconi.

Club secretary Michael Urkalo said he was confident Marconi would win the Phillips League championship for the second year in a row.

He was also pleased with the form of Vieri, the veteran midfielder who was so brilliant in 1978 but hampered by injuries last year.

He's training like a young kid. I'm amazed at his enthusiasm," Urkalo said.

Marconi opened its 12-day tour by turning on its finest soccer for the tournament in front of 25,000 people at the Indonesian National Stadium.

The goals, scored by Peter Sharne, Eddie Krcevic, Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovic, were all magnificent.

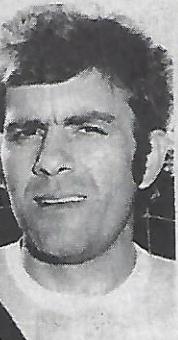
Best players were Henderson, Sharne, Vieri, and Allan Maher.

The next game, in Surabaya, was against NIAC Mitra, and Marconi won 2-0 with goals by Henderson and Jankovic.

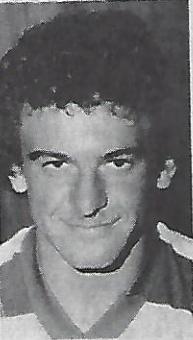
However, Marconi's performance was marred when Krcevic and Byrne were sent off after arguing with the referee in the second half.

"The refereeing was atrocious but our players should not have carried on in the way they did," Urkalo said.

"But the hospitality we were shown was fantastic. Dr



Roberto Vieri



Peter Raskopoulos

Frank Hutasoit, chairman of the Indonesian FA, looked after us exceptionally well. Travel, food and accommodation were all first class."

Marconi's trip was made possible by the sponsorship of Allstate. Due to heavily reduced fare, and \$15,000 income from match fees, Marconi was able to finish financially in front.

Urkalo said Marconi hoped to tour again at the end of this year — to the Philippines or perhaps the U.S.

He said Marconi was considering signing forward Hodzic of Velez Mostar but had not made a move for Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.



New coach Rocco Ille (centre) calls for a united effort to lift J.U.S.T. up the PSL ladder. Players Jim Kondaros (left), Jim O'Reilly, Peter Ollerton and Zdravko Lujic pledge their support.

Ille seeks new players to boost Footscray

Rocco Ille faces a tough assignment in his first coaching job with Footscray J.U.S.T.

The former Yugoslav and Pan Hellenic forward will try to transform J.U.S.T. from 1979 strugglers into 1980 winners.

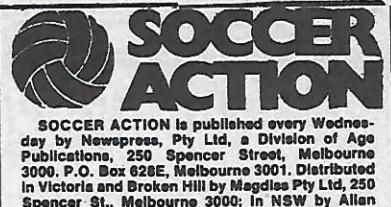
To do so, he hopes to sign a

few good players — from Yugoslavia and Sydney.

Ille, 37, returned four months ago from Yugoslavia where he studied coaching full-time for two years.

After playing with Zadar in the Yugoslav Second Division, Ille helped LASK Linz win the Austrian championship two years running, and then returned to Yugoslavia.

After five seasons with Yugoslav, he spent two years with Pan Hellenic before going to Yugoslavia to study coaching in 1976.



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Bobby Charlton will play in Blacktown's opening league match against St. George at Gabbie Stadium. He guested with Newcastle KB United in 1978. Here he is having a drink with the then Newcastle chairman, Max Talbot, who is now chairman of the Phillips League.

Harris, Harding reunited



George Harris



Ian Hunter

Former Socceroo team mates David Harding and George Harris have been reunited at Blacktown City, which is preparing for its first season in the Phillips League.

Harris, capped 26 times for Australia, left St. George on a free transfer. He spent 11 years as a senior player with St. George.

Harding, capped 20 times, joined Blacktown in early 1978 from Western Suburbs. He previously was with Pan Hellenic.

Harris will be a valuable asset to Blacktown, but the

club's most exciting acquisition is striker Ian Hunter from Nepean. Hunter was in the 1978 Australian youth team that played in New Zealand and Paraguay.

Other new men at Blacktown are midfieler Bill Amey, a New Zealand international who played for Newcastle KB United before joining Blacktown's State League club Townsville, and Michael Harris, new goalkeeper from Nepean.

Coach Mick Jones also has

signed striker Paul Wilkinson, 22, 6ft. 1in., who scored 24 goals for Bottle in the Cheshire League last season. He came to Bottle via Everton and Tranmere Rovers.

Jones said he was still looking for a few defenders.

Blacktown has started improving the seating at Gabbie Stadium and is looking forward to paid support from the local district.

The main Blacktown players, apart from the latest recruits, are: goalkeeper Bruce James, defenders Neil Taylor, Laurie Parkhouse, Cliff Pointer and Eduardo Pena, midfielders Harding, Gary Thompson and Ricky Horan, and forwards Alan Fishers, Jim Isatt and Neil Pearson.

Coach Jones has been with the club for seven years. During this time he led Blacktown to three premierships.

He also won championships with Hakoah, Granville and Kuringai.

Pan Hellenic, Manly and Melita Eagles are other clubs he has coached.

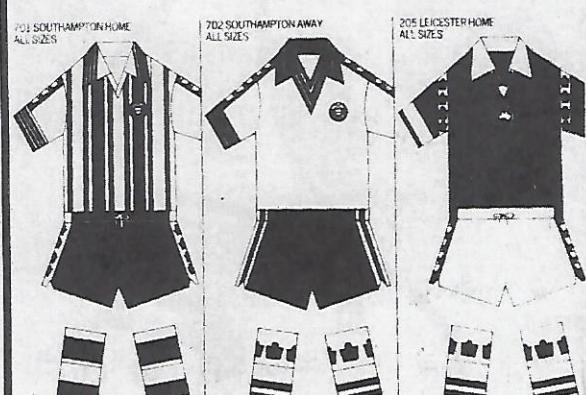
The great Bobby Charlton will play for Blacktown in its first home match against St. George on the weekend of March 8-9.

Charlton is coming to Australia primarily to do promotion work for Dunlop Footwear. He will be here for a

week.

The former Manchester star made guest appearances for Newcastle KB United in 1978.

To do so, he hopes to sign a



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VERWEIJ TO LIONS?

Brisbane Lions hope to sign New Zealand international striker Johan Verweij.

Verweij was one of the best players in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Alan Niven is back after a lay-off due to a broken ankle, and Lions have acquired utility player Steve Hogg from Canberra City.

However, Socceroo defender Col Bennett had still not re-signed late last week.

Lions will play at its own ground at Richlands instead of Perry Park this year. The ground is a 40-minute drive from the airport, so it may affect flight arrangements of visiting teams.

Adelaide City is interested in Lions striker Tony Brennan, so

Verweij may be a transfer for the Lions.



FRANK BURIN

TONY LABBOZZETTA

'Soccer Action'
New Year Honors

Labbozzetta, Burin are top club men

In recognition of valuable contributions and outstanding personal achievements in soccer — in the international and local scenes — 'Soccer Action' presents its second New Year's Honors list.

This year 26 players, coaches and administrators have been bestowed with our 'soccer knighthood'.

WORLD LIST

RON GREENWOOD — (England, team manager) — Has brought about a revival in English soccer with a refreshing attacking outlook. The English national team is a world force again and is setting a fine example for English clubs to follow.

KEVIN KEEGAN — (England, international) — Was named European player of the year for a second time after a sensational season with Hamburg in West Germany. He is an exciting player, and a key figure in Greenwood's English team.

DIEGO MARADONA — (Argentinian international) — Made an explosive arrival in world soccer and was quickly hailed as the new Pele, when still only a teenager. Maradona helped Argentina win the Youth World Cup, and is sure to be the leading player when his country defends the FIFA World Cup in Spain 1982.

CESAR MENOTTI — (Argentina, team manager) — Has two World Cup victories under his belt and is hailed as perhaps the best coach in the world. Menotti is a firm believer in attacking soccer and Argentina won both its world titles in fine style.

JUPP DERWALL — (West Germany, team manager) — Took over the reigns from Helmut Schoen after the 1978 World Cup, and has progressively rebuilt West Germany into a powerful combination.

AUSTRALIAN LIST

TONY BOSKOVIC — (Referee) — Was named Referee of the year by the Australian Soccer Press Association, and has given many years of fine service to soccer in this country.

WALTER VALENTINO — (Marconi) — May soon join Canberra City and end his marvellous progress in the Philips League. Was top scorer in the NSW State League in 1979.

SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLI — (Inter PSL) — Also likely to join Canberra City and parade his skills in the PSL. Has represented both NSW and Australia, and is a player of the future.

GERRY CHALDI — (West Adelaide coach) — Former Sydney City coach who is highly-respected in his field. Chaldi was Coach of the year in 1978, and now hopes to achieve success with West Adelaide. He is the only coach to win a trophy in each season of the PSL.

LEN MCKENDRY — (Victoria, team manager) — Has achieved remarkable success, leading Victoria to wins over AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade and Red Star Belgrade. His intelligent coaching has improved many players, as well as making Victoria a powerful combination.

RAY POOCOCK — (Victorian coach) — Guided Western Suburbs into the Victorian State League in his first season as a coach. The former Australian and Victorian representative is without a club at present, but has a big future in coaching.

TONY LABBOZZETTA — (Marconi president) — Is the chief of perhaps the best organised and professional club in Australia. His years of hard work were rewarded when Marconi won the 1979 PSL championship.

JOHNNY AND BUGSY NYKOHUS — (Adelaide City) — Adelaide's footballing brothers were the stars in the 1979 Philips Cup final, which saw Adelaide City win its first national honor with a victory over St George.

RUDI GUTENDORF — (Australia, team manager) — The colorful and controversial West German took the national team on a successful tour of China and has a victory over the New York Cosmos under his belt. His diplomatic style earned him national media coverage for soccer as the world entered a new era.

JIM TANSEY — (Australian international) — Was the best player on the 'Socceroos' tour of China and is an exciting and attacking full back with Heidelberg Utd and Victoria.

JIM ROONEY — (Australian international captain) — Was overlooked as a national team player by Gutendorf for a time, but made a triumphant return as captain. Is playing better than ever.

ATTILA ABONYI — (Sydney Croatia) — Took his club to its second successive NSW State League title, and had another great season as a player and coach.

JOHN LEE — (Bankstown) — Caused an upset when he won the 1979 NSW Rothmans Medal, but deserved his honor after a consistent season with Bankstown.

TOMMY CUNNINGHAM — (Australian international) — The brilliant forward scored the goal to again win the Bill Fleming and Rothmans Medals. He helped Essendon Croatia to its second successive league championship and was the star of the Victorian and Australian teams.

NERO SAFTICH — (Brisbane City coach) — Proved the sceptic wrong by taking the supposedly weak Brisbane City to the PSL Grand Final after a consistent season.

LES SCHEINFLUG — (Marconi coach) — The frustrations of Scheinflug and Marconi went when the Italian-sponsored club romped home to win the championship, playing some electrifying soccer on the way. He was named Coach of the Year for 1979.

IVO PRSKALO — (Australian international) — Despite being the wrong side of 30, Prskalo made his Australian debut and went on to become a key figure in the team. Helped Marconi to the PSL title, and was named 'Soccer Action' and ASFA player of the year.

EDWARD KRMCEVIC — (Australian international) — Many thought the young striker was shooting too high by transferring to Marconi after only one full season in the Victorian State League. But Krmcevic was a sensation with Marconi and a star with the Australian youth and full international teams.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN — (Leading administrator) — Was the man responsible for getting the Cosmos to Australia for the New York team's highly-successful tour. Is acknowledged as the 'Tours Chief' of Australian soccer.

FRANK BURIN — (Essendon Croatia general manager) — Responsible for building undoubtedly the strongest team outside the PSL. In the past two years, Crotia has won six trophies in the Victorian State League under Burin's guidance.

RALPH LYNCH — (Promoter) — Showed Australian soccer what could be done with the correct promotion. He took control of the Cosmos tour, and his promoting attracted a 50,000 plus crowd at the tour's conclusion.

RALE RASIC — (Adelaide City Coach) — Former national coach ended his first season with Adelaide City triumphantly by winning the Phillips Cup.

'WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO FUTURE'

RICHARDS HITS OUT ITALY TOUR AFTER

Ray Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest club in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a wonderful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the World Cup in 1982."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Socceror and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 18 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team, Tony Pezzano (Adel. C), Bobby Russell (Adel. C), Jim Muller (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Muller (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle. Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Bobby Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

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Brennan copped a stud to his

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Watch Hellas!

REBUILT SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS is expecting its best season since the Philipe League started.

Its recruiting programme has yielded striker Branko Buljevic (Heidelberg), right back Vince Bannon (Frankston) and centre back Steve Blair (Albion Rovers).

Arthur Xanthopoulos, former state centre back, has returned after a long absence and Frank Murray is fully fit again after shaking off a leg injury.

Winger George Campbell is in mercurial form and Alan Evans celebrated his return from overseas by scoring two goals in Hellas' 4-1 victory over Makedonia in its first practice game.

Coach John Margaritis will use the Ampol Cup to find the best player for each position. Competition among the players will be fierce.

Unfortunately, Duncan Cummings has not been training regularly and so he cannot claim a place in the team.

Mike Pye is being sought by Western Suburbs and Hellas



RAY RICHARDS

John Kosmina (W. Adel.), Tony Brennan (Bris. Lions).

On a heavy ground in front of about 5000 people, Sydney led 1-0 after a goal by local Italian player Marzio, who was given a run by Richards at the request of local officials who wanted to see him in action.

But then Sydney made mistakes in defence and went 1-4 down before Brennan hit back with a goal that inspired the tourists to stage an impressive finish.

Best players were Muir, Russell and especially Kosmina, who Richards described as "brilliant."

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The man who tamed George Best

Newcastle KB United's acquisition of Paul Reaney has ensured that one of England's top defenders over the past decade will grace the PSL in 1980.

The records show that Reaney was born in London but in fact he was only two weeks old when his parents moved to Leeds and it was in this grey, industrial Yorkshire city that he was raised.

Reaney joined Leeds United straight from school. United was then a struggling team in the lower regions of the English Second division, but the inspired management of Don Revie lifted it into the elite of British soccer in the mid-sixties.

Quickly emerging as one of England's top right backs, Reaney played an integral part in Leeds' success, a fact reflected in his selection for England's under-23 team against France in 1964.

Four more under-23 "caps" followed and a call-up to the full international side was inevitable and duly came when he appeared as substitute against Bulgaria in December 1968.

Almost a year passed before Reaney gained the privilege of wearing an England shirt for a full 90 minutes.

A fine performance against Portugal seemed to have guaranteed him a niche in the English squad for the World Cup in Mexico but it was not to be.

A broken leg at West Ham not only ruined all hopes of a trip to Mexico but also pre-

vented Reaney from appearing in the 1969 F.A. Cup final.

Reaney was out of action for six months before returning to the First Division.

After less than a dozen games with Leeds he was recalled to the England ranks for a European fixture with Malta.

The hard, bumpy Valetta pitch proved a great burden to the entire English team as it toiled for a 1-0 win.

This undistinguished performance, plus England manager Alf Ramsey's preference for more attacking full backs ended the Leeds player's international career.

Despite the lack of opportunity to display his skills at the highest level, Reaney gained the tag of "Mr Consistency" among his fellow professionals because he never had a bad game, maintaining a high standard of efficiency throughout a 70-odd game season.

George Best unhesitatingly named Reaney as the best full back he had ever faced, a remarkable compliment from the genial Irishman who opposed the best defenders in the World during the course of 37 internationals and more than two dozen European cup games.

When Don Revie left Leeds in 1974 its fortunes plummeted. Lack of success on the

field led to managerial uncertainty, unrest among supporters and disruption within the team.

Throughout it all Reaney remained the constant factor, producing superb performance after superb performance, enabling the team to keep its head above the relegation zone.

It wasn't until the 1977-78 campaign that he began to lose his permanence in the first team.

Manager Jimmy Adamson, the third since the departure of Revie, embarked on a youth policy and thus severely restricted Reaney's First Division appearances.

A transfer to Third Division Bradford City followed. While with Leeds Reaney had claimed winners' medals for two League Championships,

one League Cup, two European Fairs Cups, one F.A. Cup and one Second Division Championship.

He also suffered the disappointments of finishing as a league championship runner-up on five occasions — twice as a beaten finalist in the F.A. Cup and once in the Fairs Cup.

More bitter however were the losses Leeds suffered in the 1971-1972 European Cup Winners' Cup and 1974-75 European Cup, both games being marred by controversial refereeing decisions that ruined Leeds' aspirations of capturing the two major European club competitions.

Reaney's defection and the failure to play in the World Cup were the only ambitions Reaney did not achieve during

his stay at Elland Road.

Reaney's short stay with Bradford City was an unhappy one. The club — badly supported, in perpetual financial difficulty and with a weak playing staff — found mere survival to be a difficult task and could not hope to provide Reaney with an appropriate end to his career.

Shortly after City had been relegated to the Fourth Division, Reaney applied for a transfer. A lucrative move to North America looked likely, but it was Newcastle that stepped in to snap up the former Leeds star.

KB coach Alan West will look to Reaney's class, composure and experience to shore up a defence which had its fair share of problems last term.

Whatever niche West envisions for Reaney, he will prove invaluable in Newcastle's quest to consolidate the remarkable progress of 1979.



Paul Reaney — former England International

Top talent at Canberra

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Canberra City has recruited heavily in a determined bid to finish among the Philips League leaders this year.

The most important recruits are likely to be Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo, the star strikers of Inter Monaco.

The result of the players' appeal to the NSW Federation against their total \$52,000 transfer fee was expected to be announced last night (Tuesday).

Canberra is willing to pay a fair price — but not \$52,000.

The club already has forked out \$28,000 for John, Rob and Mike O'Shea of St. George.

Goalkeepers Richard Wilson and mid-fielder Duncan Cole, both members of the New Zealand national team, also have joined Canberra.

There was some concern last week that Canberra may have to post a bond with the NZ Federation to ensure that Wilson and Cole will be released for World Cup duty next year.

Cole is from North Shore United and Wilson from Nelson United. Both played in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Coach Vic Fernandez said he expected former Socceros full back Harry Williams to have an outstanding season.



John O'Shea

Williams, who was out of action due to a knee injury, is training strongly and looks sharp.

Midfielder John Davies, leased to Canberra last year by Geoff Warren, brother of Johnny Warren, has been sold by Geoff Warren to St. George for \$12,500.

Ivan Grujicic has switched to Croatia Deakin for \$3000. Jim Cant is no longer with Canberra and reserve goalkeeper David Lindenmeyer, who is studying in Queensland, has joined Townsville.

Centre back Jim Muir is available for transfer after Adelaide City's acquisition of David Jones from West Fernandez.



Canberra recruit Duncan Cole (right) in action for New Zealand against Peter Sharne in last year's match against Australia

Muir, Kent available

Centre back Jim Muir is available for transfer after Adelaide City's acquisition of David Jones from West Fernandez.

Adelaide City paid Scottish club Dumbarton \$7500 for Muir two years ago. It paid West Adelaide \$3000 — the amount stipulated in the contract — for Jones.

Utility player Robert Marwe and winger Chris Kent are also on Adelaide City's transfer list, and sweeper John Besir is expected to leave as well.

Marwe, who plays striker, centre back, full back or midfield, joined Adelaide City from Croatia (SA).

Kent played for Ringwood City and South Melbourne Hellas before shifting to Adelaide.

Jones, an Australian international, will link up with Socceros Bobby Russell in the middle of Adelaide City's defence.

Bugs Nyskohus and Glenn Dodds retain the full back positions and Peter Marshall remains the goalkeeper.

Midfielders are Gary Mancini who hit top from late last year, Brian Northcote, Charlie Villani, Sergio Melo, Agenor Muniz, John Perlin who also plays sweeper, and youngster Romano Rossi.

Winger Paul and Villani can also play up front. The other forwards are John Nyskohus and Dixie Deans.

Adelaide City hopes to strengthen its attack by signing Tony Brennan from Brisbane Lions. There is a wrangle over his transfer fee.



Cole for U.S.?

Pictures of Gary Cole, Pat Bannon, Jim O'Reilly and Peter Tymczyn appear in the latest edition of the American magazine "Soccer World".

The pictures are used to illustrate a story about the formation of a soccer club in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and they are not captioned.

Editor Lou Gautier obviously wanted to fill space with general action photos, and, being the former editor of Sydney paper "Soccer World", nostalgia got the better of him.

PALINKAS:
\$17,500

Footscray J.U.S.T. has sold Joe Palinkas (pictured) to Brisbane City for \$17,500.

Palinkas moved to Brisbane before Christmas and it has taken until now for the clubs to agree on a price.

Palinkas previously played for St George and Melbourne.

Norman Ross Discounts will sponsor the twilight match on the opening day of the Show, Wednesday, February 20.

Newcastle Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Association Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett, said the match could attract a crowd up to 10,000.

Admission prices to the Showground will be \$2.80 for adults and 80 cents for pensioners and children.

The manager of Norman Ross Discounts' Garden City complex, Mr. Jim McBride, said the face that the challenge match would be played on the eve of the 1980 Philips League season, which commences on March 9, should attract enormous spectator interest.

The match will provide both teams with

excellent pre-season preparation and competition", said Mr. McBride.

KB United secretary Paul Trisley said his club's promotions committee was devising plans to ensure that the first Show night was a "colourful, spectacular and well-attended event".

KB United and Marconi will compete for the Norman Ross Challenge Cup.

Mr. Trisley said a total of seven Australian internationals who recently toured Asia and China would play in the match.

They are Marconi players Eddie Kravcik, Mark Jankovic, Tony Henderson, Uro Prskalo and Peter Sharne and KB United's Arno Bergmann and Joe Senkalski.

KB United will field new signings Paul Reaney and striker Mark Trenter.

Mark Trenter: Confident of a big season

REGIS IN, TRENTER OUT

By JACK MATHEWS

Had West Bromwich Albion not decided a few years ago to pay what is almost an astronomical transfer fee for Cyril Regis, who was given superstar rating, it is almost certain that former Welsh youth international, Mark Trenter, would not be wearing Newcastle KB United colours today.

Trenter is the player who came to KB United as part of the switch by Socceros, Kenny Boden, to Sydney City for \$20,000.

It is a quirk of fate that Trenter is a Soccer player. The round ball code was outlawed in his hometown, Cwmbran in Wales, and while he played rugby at school level he always wanted to play football and missed out on becoming a professional soccer player.

He persevered and developed so rapidly that he caught the attention of a West Bromwich Albion scout, was given a series of trials and signed as an apprentice.

Trenter began his career as a professional at 18, and in his first year, was selected in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Trenter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

further afield. He rejected chances to play in Canada because he considered the standard to be almost minimal so he accepted an offer to join Sydney City midway through 1978.

He said that he had "quite a few" offers before Newcastle KB United stepped in during the negotiations for the transfer of Boden.

"KB United seems to be the club for the future and with a big future, it has a strong sense of professionalism. Its supporters have the outlook of the top English First Division clubs," he said. "I made up my mind that it was the club I wanted to join, so here I am."

It was a somewhat remarkable coincidence and perhaps a happy one, that on the day his transfer to KB United was signed and sealed, Kenny Boden scored three goals for KB United in a Prime Minister's Cup match against Canberra City while Trenter scored three for Sydney.

Trenter has applied for citizenship. He has, he says, a liking for a high ball since he is a keeper, a phase of the game on which he has spent long hours in practice.

He considers that since the Newcastle KB United players have had two seasons in the Philips League with most of them on the retained list, the team should have settled down into a solid combination, well able to read each other's play.

"Add to that the great experience of Paul Reaney, the former English international, and Leeds United star, and I'm confident that we will be a big success for KB United. I want to be part of it" said Trenter who is already popular with club supporters.

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CHALDI: WHY I SWITCHED

By PETER SCOTT

Hopes, plans, new challenges and, yes, even some regrets characterise Australia's 1978 soccer coach of the year, Gerry Chaldi, as he strikes out on a new career with West Adelaide.

The man whose name has been synonymous with Hakoah soccer in Sydney and Melbourne since 1961 has not only changed clubs but uprooted his family and moved house to South Australia.

"The main motivation behind my decision to accept West's was that they offered me vastly improved financial conditions," he admitted frankly last week. "And, perhaps, I also have spent too long with the one club."

"My greatest disappointment is the realisation that Sydney City was not willing to offer me terms commensurate with my achievements," Chaldi said.

"But it wasn't only money that made me leave the club."

"Most of all I want to be able to test my skills in a new environment, where I will have full managerial responsibility."

Chaldi claims he felt deprived by not having similar authority with Sydney City.

"I am disappointed but not surprised, at not having been able to come to terms with City this year; there was interference in my work, in the running of the team, and when I

voiced my opinion on the matters opposition to me developed from top management within the club," he said.

"Knowing what other coaches in the PSL were earning, I also realised that financially I wasn't being rewarded sufficiently for my efforts; in fact I was underpaid."

Chaldi, in spite of his differences with some sections of the Sydney City management, went out of his way to pay tribute to team director Andrew Lederer.

"We had some early differences when I took over the team, but in the end I learned a lot from him and hope that one day we can work together again."

Gerry Chaldi leaves Hakoah/Sydney City with "a clear conscience", having left the foundations of a good team to rookie coach Eddie Thomas, who was his captain last year.

"There is an abundance of promising youngsters there. All they need is patience and a bit of pushing to make sure Sydney City remains a power into the eighties.

"Eddie has all the attributes of a first class coach, I only

voiced my opinion on the matters opposition to me developed from top management within the club," he said.

A new job, new committee to work with, new crowd and, yes, even some new players.

Two of his signings should give the Greek-based club a highly cosmopolitan flavor during the coming months.

Chaldi hopes one of the new players will be sweeper Shraga Topolanski the former Israeli international, who had a short guest spell with Hakoah St Kilda last year.

A top man is needed to replace veteran Con Kambas, who failed to accept the terms he was offered for 1980.

He will be complemented by another defender, this one from Chile, 21-year-old Carlos Villazon, who in spite of his tender age in professional soccer terms, was a regular fixture in the line-up of the First Division Rangers Santiago club.

There are other "goodies" in the pipeline for West Adelaide's enthusiastic fans, but for the moment they are strictly bushwhacking.

However, the news isn't all good. The club has lost Socceroo defender David Jones to Adelaide city.

West Adelaide is disappointed and Chaldi is seeing over Adelaide City's decision to offer Jones terms.

"I feel disappointed over the fact that City broke a gentleman's agreement between the two Adelaide clubs not to poach each other's players," he said.

"We are very upset over Rale Rebilic's action, but have learnt a lesson — in fact, two can play this game," he said.

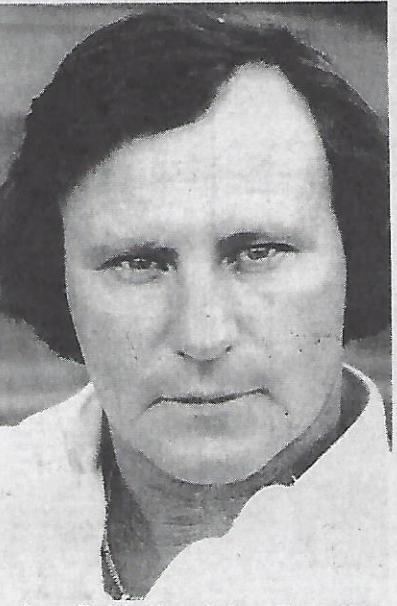
In spite of the loss of Jones, Chaldi considers he has good material at his disposal, a young and capable squad.

"We have the staff, now my first priority is to improve the players' conditions — both human and material.

"The club is full of enthusiasm for the new era, emulating the championship season of 1978, although the setup is not nearly as professional as it was with Sydney City.

"But, we have a new committee, people who are willing to devote their time and money to building a consistently successful soccer team."

Chaldi is happy with what he described as an excellent junior backup — "the top in South Australia" — and intends to continue his pre-



Gerry Chaldi — from Sydney City to West Adelaide

vious policy with Sydney City, gradually introducing the most talented youngsters to PSL action.

"There will be opportunity, and plenty of it, for them to show their wares," he said.

Looking briefly at the overall PSL scene, Chaldi perceives improvement since the start of the new league, but feels it imperative that some "big names" be imported from abroad.

"The means must be found to bring personalities into the game, players and names who will attract new fans.

"As for Sydney City, sadly I see no solution to their greatest problem, that of bringing back the crowds which have deserted them.

"The empty terraces at their home games are that club's biggest handicap, and having a good crowd cheering you on is half the battle for a coach and his players."

the pressure will be on once the championship kicks off.

"It doesn't worry me particularly, after all that's what I get paid for, and look forward to the challenge."

"There will be opportunity, and plenty of it, for them to show their wares," he said.

The new coach has no illusions about his position and task. The record of Greek clubs' relations with their coaches in Australia is considered, to say the least.

Survival with a Greek-sponsored club has much to do with the coaches' personal and Chaldi believes his mentality will suit the atmosphere.

He is supremely confident of serving out his two year contract.

"I feel that under its terms I finally have reached a stage where I am properly rewarded for my previous achievements as a coach," he said.

"I'm having my honeymoon with the club right now, but

'79 gate taking:

\$637

The income of the Victorian club Juventus from gate receipts in 1979 was a mere \$637, but despite this, the club's total income exceeded \$100,000, secretary Rocco Di Zio announced this week.

This proved Juventus was far from a spent force, Di Zio said.

"The fact we are able to generate income without the aid of considerable gate receipts, proves Juventus is still very much alive," Di Zio said.

The figures were announced to club members at Juve's annual general meeting at the Casa D'Adruzz Club in North Fitzroy last Thursday night.

A report to members showed Juventus' income for 1979 was \$165,000. This was a massive increase on 1978, where the income was \$46,500. Expenditure in 1979 was \$14,000. Di Zio explained that expenditure was high because of the costs involved in establishing a team.

Signing-on fees, transfer fees and wages accounted for \$64,500. Juventus bought Jack Reilly, Terry Hawke, Peter Vaughan, Bobby McGuinness, Tony Heery and George Gillan in 1979.

Juventus spent only \$35,000 on its team in 1978.

At the meeting, George Penzo was re-elected president with Greg Incantalo as vice-president.

Adrian Mazzadra, Joe Mirella, Di Zio and Castelli were elected to the committee. The members voted to allow the president to select five other people to serve on the committee.

This was to allow closer co-operation within the administration, Di Zio said.

Di Zio was angry with a report in a Sunday paper that Juventus was unable to raise a quorum at the AGM.

"The AGM was originally scheduled for the Club Cavour in South Melbourne," said Di Zio, "but the club was booked for another function."

"The Italian Cup had concluded on the same day, and many of our members were unable to attend. Other members were unaware of the change of venue."

Di Zio said 100 people attended the second scheduled meeting.



RANGERS, en punto de visita en San Eugenio.

West Adelaide recruit Carlos Villazon (standing, second from right) with Rangers of Chile.

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The Greek Press has been playing up reports that Greek First Division clubs AEK and PAOK Salonica are interested in signing Gary Cole of Heidelberg United.

Apparently PAOK is willing to pay up to \$100,000 for him.

This follows reports that Derby County offered \$50,000 for goalkeeper Yanka Banovic, only to have the deal fall through when Banovic was unable to get an English work permit.

Heidelberg pocketed \$20,000 for Branko Bujovic who switched to South Melbourne Hellas during the off season.

Ken Taylor also has left Heidelberg. He has returned to England.

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos has denied that Jim Campbell may join Bujovic at Hellas, and says that captain Pat Bannon is training hard for another successful year, after contemplating a switch last season.

Mangopoulos said that coach Manny Poulakakis had been retained by the club, contrary to some reports.

The club was to have moved to its new ground in Heidelberg this year, but it is still not ready.

AROUND THE WORLD

"Is Gary Cole going to Athens?"

This is the question that bothers thousands of Heidelberg Alexander supporters.

At this stage the answer to the above question can only be regarded as a vague one, although it is well known in the soccer world that the management of Heidelberg United is having discussions at this moment with representatives from A.E.K. Athens.

Therefore, it should not come as a surprise if next July we see the blonde star and member of our national team, packing up and travelling to Greece.

If finally, this scenario becomes a reality, the fact that the Greek team will pay to Alexander will be an astronomical one by Australian standards.

Speaking after the game against Victoria, the coach of Red Star, Branko Stankovic said:

"Of our opponents, I liked No. 15 (Cole), No. 14 (Paton) and No. 8 (Rooney)."

About Gary Cole, the Yugoslav coach said emphatically that he is a good, strong and fast player, who can play in any team in Yugoslavia.

Since I have mentioned Branko Stankovic, it is worth while pointing out that the Red Star coach is one of the best known personalities in soccer.

He started his playing career as a full-back with Red Star in 1947 and ended it in 1956.

He wore the national shirt of his country 61 times, and at this stage he is also an adviser of the national team, the same team that was placed first in the European list last year.

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Bavaria Munich which will visit Australia later this year for a series of friendly games has bought a Norwegian player.

He is Ainer Yan Aass, and he has signed a two-year contract.

Argentina mourns one of soccer's favorite sons, 37-year-old Onega, who was killed in a car accident.

Onega was in the Argentinian national team in the 1966 World Cup. He played against England at Wembley when the present World Cup holders went 1-0.

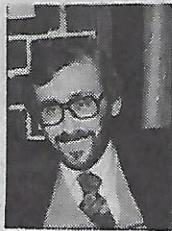
The goal that made all the difference was scored by Hurst.

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France's former international star, Just Fontaine said that King Houssein had asked him to take over the national team of Morocco.

Fountain will coach his players for the coming African Nations' Cup.

The former star, with a goal



With ELIAS DONOUDIS

tally of 13 at the 1968 World Cup, has lately been on the outer but his World Cup record has not been broken.

He was seen recently in a match between the European and Argentinian veterans. In that match, another French international star played: Raymond Copo.

British commentators called the transfer of Nikola Jovanovic to Manchester United as "a victory for English football."

Bayer Munich also was interested in the transfer of the Yugoslav star, but finally David Sexton — manager of United — won.

Andras Torocsi the centre half of the Hungarian national team in 1978, has had a streak of bad luck lately.

When he was sent off the field in the World Cup in Argentina, he was ordered not to play in international matches for a year.

Then he was involved in a car accident, which nearly cost him his life. He already has two operations, but he is still unable to walk. So much so, that he is going to London soon to be operated on for the third time.

South Melbourne Hellas is looking for a goalkeeper. From what I hear, they are interested in Sydney Olympic's Gary Mervin.

The referees of the amateur league in South America have cut loose, engineering two goals by Alan Evans after scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Bujovic.

Then little George Campbell cut loose, engineering two goals by Alan Evans after scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Bujovic.

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Rovers' catch

Jimmy Mackay (pictured) has joined Albion Rovers, who have been relegated from the Victorian State League.

Mackay played for Shepparton last year.

The former Croatia and Hellas star completed a midfield of Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards and Johnny Warren in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.



Campbell, Cole, Rooney to miss Altona

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg United may have to play without Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jimmy Rooney against Altona City in the second round of the Ampol Cup at Olympic Park on Friday night

The three stars are unlikely to be released by coach Rudi Gutendorf from the national teams training camp in Sydney, where the Socceroos are preparing to meet Czechoslovakia.

"I'll be making telephone calls this week to try to change Gutendorf's mind but indications are there's nothing much we can do," Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulis said.

"Also, I don't want to push too hard, because any postponement of our fixtures would upset the whole competition."

Andy Bozian may be back from holidays this week and

Mike Micevski is yet to come into the team.

John Kyriakidis, George Pavlidis and Con Moulis will be used to replace the missing Socceroos.

Altona is also undermanned, but of the replacement players used against Ajax last Sunday, Joe Little is excelling.

Ajax is negotiating with Maltese club Floriana which wants more money finally to release Willie Vassallo, who has been playing for Ajax on what apparently was a temporary arrangement.

Ajax may have striker Steve Carr back from Hellas in time for its second-round match against Frankston at Connor Park.

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Reserve, Reservoir, on Saturday.

Frankston was impressive in holding Heidelberg to 1-0 on Friday. Bobby Adams starred in defence, Frank Petersen made brilliant saves, David Cooper was cool as sweeper and Peter Martinovic showed promise in his first game.

Croydon has signed Kees Doornenbal from Ringwood City and Western Suburbs bought John Daperis from Hakoah for \$4000. Their clash at Middle Park on Sunday should be interesting.

Hakoah is one of the best State League teams, but despite successive victories over Western Suburbs and Croatia in a friendly match, Hakoah is unlikely to make an impression on Altona at Middle Park on Sunday.

Hakoah coach John Margaritis, searching for his best combination, will use Alan Davidson who was suspended last week, George Christopoulos and perhaps Mendo Ristovski.

Altona Rovers, which looked impressive last week, has a good chance of beating Juventus, which loses Bobby McGuinness for six weeks. McGuinness is returning to Scotland on holidays.

Footscray J.U.S.T. cannot play again as badly as it did in last Friday's match on penalties last Friday, and should find the going a little easier against George Cross at Olympic Park.

The penalties show down that decided that the match against Makedonia was a joke! Of the 14 kicks taken, only seven were successful. Lou Kastner saved shots by Joe Pacione and Zdravko Lujic and shots by Zoran Iloski, Mike Rainey, David Garthwaite and Steve Beech went high or wide. Steve Potter saved John Higham's shot, leaving the penalties score 4-3 in J.U.S.T.'s favor.

Yet in general play Makedonia should have won by anything up to four goals. Strikers Rob Cullen and George McMillan played well and full backs Mike Rainey and Ljubomir Petrovski (who was sent off in extra time) tore J.U.S.T. apart on the flanks.

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Victorian round-up

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Wilson almost joined Ajax recently but Altona eventually persuaded him to stay on.

Wilson may sign a few new players. "I've got a few irons in the fire, but I'll wait and see what happens," he said.

Silence reigns at Juventus

All is quiet at Juventus.

John Boggio, who coached the team last year, has quit because he's too busy with his work and with training of Victoria's Socceroos.

He is national coach — rudi Guendron's right-hand man in Melbourne.

Jimmy Armstrong will coach Juventus in the Ampol Cup.

Midfielder Claude Lucchesi has joined Makedonia, and goalkeeper Jack-reilly is un-

decided about his future.

North Sydney v. Avala first

NSW's perpetual winner Sydney Croatia is favored to snare the Ampol Cup which starts at St. George Stadium on Wednesday, January 30.

First-round matches are:

Jan. 30: North Sydney v. Avala, 7.15 pm and Melita Eagles v. Arncliffe Scots, 9 pm, at St. George Stadium.

Manly v. Sydney Olympic, 7.15 pm

and Croatia v. Kuringai, 9 pm at Seymour Shaw Park.

Friday, February 1: Yugal v. Bankstown, 7.15 pm and Auburn v. Inter Monaro, 9 pm at St. George Stadium.

Wollongong Utd. v. Marrickville Olympic, 7.15 pm and Sutherland v. Parramatta, 9 pm at Seymour Shaw Park.

Ampol Cup groupings:

GROUP A: Croatia, Kuringai, Wollongong United, Marrickville Olympic.

GROUP B: Yugal, Bankstown, Auburn, Inter-Monaro.

GROUP C: Sutherland, Parramatta, Manly, Sydney Olympic.

GROUP D: North Sydney, Avala, Arncliffe Scots, Melita, Eagles.



VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland (left) has George McMillan's shot covered. However, Bob Cullen is to follow up and score for Makedonia. At right is Jim Kondaros of J.U.S.T. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

THIS WEEK

This week's Ampol matches, with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY, from 7.30 pm
At Olympic Park NO 1: HEIDELBERG v Altona, FOOTSCRAY JUST v George Cross

SATURDAY from 2 pm

- At Connor Reserve, Reservoir: FRANKSTON v Ajax, MAKEDONIA v Slavia

SUNDAY from 2 pm

At Olympic Park No 2: JUVENTUS v Albion Rovers, CROATIA v Sunshine

At Middle Park: CROYDON v Western Suburbs, HELLAS v Hakoah

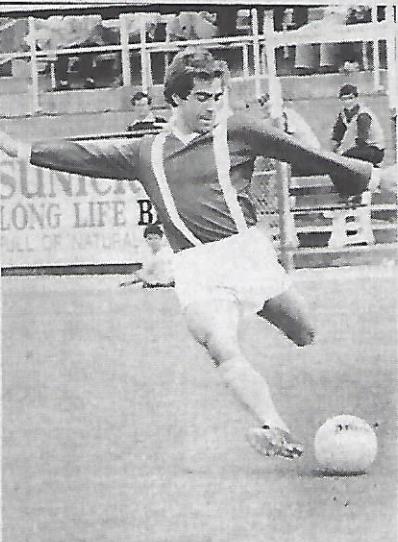
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Heidelberg 1 0 1 0 2

Altona 0 1 1 2 0

Frankston 0 1 0 1 0

Hellas 1 0 4 0 2

Hakoah 0 1 0 2 1

Slavia 0 1 1 2 0

Sunshine 0 1 0 4 0

Western Suburbs 0 1 0 4 0

W. Salvars 0 1 1 2 0

Croydon 0 1 0 4 0

George Cross 1 0 1 0 2

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Makedonia 0 1 2 2 0

Silvia 0 1 0 1 0

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CZECHOSLOVAKIANS CAN MATCH THE BEST: VENGLOS

The popularity of ice hockey in Czechoslovakia is not helping the country's national soccer team, according to coach Dr Josef Venglos.

After a friendly international against England at Wembley Stadium early last year, Venglos spoke of the aggressive attitude of English players, and the content of physical contact in that country's domestic soccer.

"We cannot compete with England physically," said Venglos. "Of course, we have men in Czechoslovakia who have the same attitude as the English, but they take up ice hockey while the more intelligent young men turn to football."

So while the majority of aggressive young Czechs prefer the harder (and often violent) sport of ice hockey, Venglos has the talented ball-players, but says stamina is a missing trait.

"We have shown that we can play an attacking football against top teams from around the world," he said. "But we must improve our physical condition so that it compares with our skill and knowledge of tactics."

"Czechoslovakia must still improve in the individual and collective sense, but most of all in stamina."

Stamina or not, Venglos has done a remarkable job since he became Czechoslovakia's national coach about 2 years ago.

Venglos had done an ap-

prenticeship with the under-23 team at Czechoslovakia and was assistant to Vaclav Jezek for three years before taking over.

At the beginning of Venglos' reign, the Czechs were in the doldrums after missing out on a place in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

The Czechs then faced the daunting task of facing Sweden in Stockholm in the first European championship qualifying game.

The Czechs won 3-1, and Venglos' men haven't looked back with victories over France and Luxembourg to seal group victory in their group.

Venglos long term plans are obviously to retain the European crown, and then qualify for Spain in 1982 — thus erasing the bitter memories of the 1978 attempt when Scotland outdid the Czechs.

"The key to future success for Czechoslovakia lies with working very closely with the coaches of top club teams," said Venglos.

"The national team must cooperate with the clubs, but they must play fair with us. I know from experience that clubs are often reluctant to re-

lease players for training camps and games."

Venglos will bring to Australia a team of experienced players. Zdenek Hruska is the goalkeeper, and has played only eight internationals, but is a proven custodian.

Antonin Panenka is a midfield player who has scored 13 goals in his 35 international appearances. He is 31, but still has plenty of energy in his midfield role.

It was Panenka who clinched the European championship with a penalty kick in a showdown against West Germany.

Team captain is Anton Ondrus, who is a commanding sweeper. He is a vital link in the defense and has played 48 internationals scoring 10 goals — a clear sign of his liking for adventuring upfield.

Ondrus along with great goalkeeper Ivo Viktor, were missing from the 1978 World Cup campaign, and their absences were blamed for the Czech failure.

Koloman Gogh is the left back, and played in the 1976 European final. He is a resolute defender with a liking for overlapping.

At present the vital combination in the team is that formed between Marian Masny and Zdenek Nehoda in the forward line.

Masny is a tricky winger, who roams from flank to flank. He should be a sensation on the Australian tour.

Nehoda is wanted by top clubs all over Europe. He has been top scorer in Czech soccer with Dukla Prague for the past two seasons.

For the national team, he has knocked in 21 goals in 58 matches.

For Venglos the Australian tour offers the chance to visit his old 'home'. He lived in Australia for three years during the 1960s, and was national coach here. He also coached NSW club Prague.

One obstacle in Venglos' path to success is the old Czech FA ruling. The rule prevents players under the age of 18

from playing senior soccer unless they have medical permission.

This rule is holding back Czech soccer, because promising youngsters aren't given the chance to develop at the highest level.

Venglos, who is a professor of physical education at the University of Bratislava, is a keen student of the game.

"Football has become a more difficult game to play," he said, "and this was demonstrated in Argentina in 1978. For example in the 1974 World Cup finals Cruyff was very good, but was only playing as a schemer."

"In Argentina clever midfield players, similar to Cruyff, had developed further. They created, but had wide-ranging defensive duties."

"They had to cover all the ground between one penalty area to the other. This makes big physical demands on the players, and requires them to have greater defensive skills."

Venglos paid tribute to the new-look England team, which recorded a streaky 1-0 victory over Czechoslovakia in that Wembley friendly last year.

"England now are more spectacular than they were two or three years ago, and that is obviously due to the influence of Mr. Greenwood," said Venglos.

"England is now playing a style of football that is a good mix between the best of English soccer, and the best of continental soccer."

"This Euro-English style produces a very different game than England played before, and I like it."

Hopefully, the tour of Venglos' team will show Australia the very best of the Czech's style.

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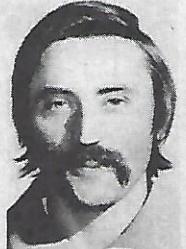


The Czech team that beat West Germany 5-3 on penalties after the final of the 1976 European championship in Belgrade. From Dobias, Capkovic, Masny, Moder, Svehlik, Pivarnik, Panenka, N

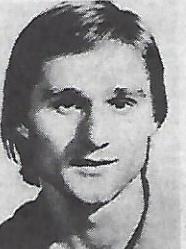


Czechoslovakia at the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico, from left, Jurkanin, Albrecht, Hagara, Hrdlicka, Dobias, Kuna, Ves

STAR STRIKER NEHODA IS FIT FOR



Antonin Panenka



Jan Fiala



Jaroslav Pollak



Marian Masny



Karol Dobias

missed the Luxembourg game through injury, is fit again and will tour this country.

The coach of Czechoslovakia is Dr. Josef Venglos, and his assistant is Jan Brumovsky.

The Czech line up against Luxembourg was as follows: Hruska, Gogh - Kozak, duek.

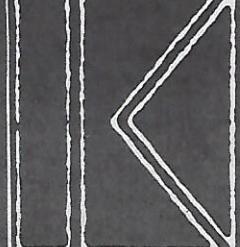
The other five players are Fiala, Neto, Nehoda, Nehoda, Nehoda.



Ace Czech forward Zdenek Nehoda (left) is guarded by England's Viv Anderson

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Gruelling build-up for Australians

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has put his players through an exhaustive training programme this week in preparation for the tough international series against Czechoslovakia

Twenty-four players assembled in Sydney last Monday for a four-day training camp at Cronulla. Tomorrow (Thursday), the squad will be reduced to 17 players.

The 17-man squad will travel to Canberra on Friday afternoon to build up for the first game against the Czechs at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Gutendorf will use the four-day camp to improve the general fitness of the players, as well as to improve the teamwork of the players.

During the day, the players will be subjected to stamina training, including weightlifting, and will play practice matches in the evening.

On Monday night, Gutendorf fielded a team against PSL club St. George. Two teams were

formed on Tuesday night for games with Sydney Olympic and Sydney City, with a game against Marconi scheduled for tonight (Wednesday).

The 24 players in the provisional squad are:

GOALKEEPERS: Marty Crook (West Adelaide), Greg Woodhouse (APIA).

DEFENDERS: Jim Tansey (Heidelberg), Steve Perry, Vic Bozanic (West Adelaide), Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo (Marconi), Kevin Mullen (Sydney City), Bobby Russell (Adelaide City).

MIDFIELDERS: Arno Bertogna (Newcastle), Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Peter Boyle (West Adelaide), Joe Picioane (Footscray), George Christopoulos (South Melbourne), John Coyne

(Brisbane City).

FORWARDS: Gary Cole (Heidelberg), John Kosmina (West Adelaide), Tommy Cumming (Essendon Croatia), Mark Jankovic, Eddie Krnacevic, Peter Sharne (Marconi), John Nyskohus (Adelaide City), Phil O'Connor (APIA).

KB in 'double' act

Philips League team Newcastle KB Utd will double as the Northern NSW representative team for the game against Czechoslovakia in Newcastle on Wednesday January 30

Coach Alan Vest started training his squad for the game two weeks ago, and the line up is yet to be decided. Vest has a squad of 15 players to choose from.

Paul Reaney, Mark Trenter, David Deakin and David Kamasz are the new faces in the Newcastle squad. Reaney played with Leeds Utd in England for many years, Trenter was with Sydney City, Deakin came from Ringwood City (Melbourne) via Townsville Utd, and Kamasz is from local club Edgeworth.

The full squad is:

GOALKEEPERS — Phil Dando, Jim Preston.

DEFENDERS — Paul Reaney, Bill Summerscales, Roy Drinkwater, Col Curran.

MIDFIELDERS — Joe Senkowski, Bret Cowburn, Peter Tredinnick, John Sneddon, Arno Bertogna.

Talking tactics — Rudi Gutendorf (left), Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovic



Jim Campbell

Games in five cities

Czechoslovakia's Australian itinerary:

January 27: v AUSTRALIA, Bruce Stadium, Canberra

January 30: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED, International Sports Centre, Newcastle

February 3: v AUSTRALIA, Sydney Sports Ground

February 6: v SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

February 9: v AUSTRALIA, Olympic Park, Melbourne

Wilson capped 62 times

Peter Wilson of APIA remains Australia's most-capped player. He played in 62 internationals.

Our most capped players are:

62 Peter Wilson

58 Attila Abonyi

49 Manfred Schaefer;

Ray Baartz
46 Jimmy Rooney
43 Johnny Warren
39 Adrian Alston
34 Doug Utjenenovic
32 Ray Richards
31 Billy Vojtek
11 Jimmy MacKay,
30 Peter Ollerton



The Socceroos on arrival in Canton during their tour of China (standing from left): Gutendorf, Cole, Tansey, Jankovic, Krnacevic, Boden, Anderson (reporter), Dr Kannangara, Woodhouse, Coyne, Gojkovic (physio), O'Connor, Bertogna, Crook, Russell, Rooney Front: Prskalo, Henderson, Cumming, Perry, Sharne, Mullen, Tuting, Logue (reporter)

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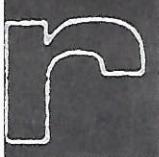
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Bachar, Panenka - Masny, Vizek, Gaj-
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Steve Kokoska slides in too late to stop a powerful shot by Srebenko Repcic
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AND NOW FOR NSW

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The 2-1 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park stands as the most significant yet achieved by the Victorian State team

Under coach Len McKendry, the Victorians now have beaten three out of six touring teams — Partizan Belgrade 1-0, AEK Athens 4-0 and Red Star.

Victoria achieved its victory by playing intelligent, possession soccer, rarely wasting a ball and denying Red Star possession for long periods.

McKendry's men now are looking forward to meeting NSW on March 2. It will be the first match between the States since the 2-2 draw at Middle Park in 1970.

Details of the Victoria v Red Star match:

VICTORIA 2 (Paton 53rd, Christopoulos 68th) RED STAR 1 (Filipovic 88th) at Olympic Park, crowd 9026

Rating:

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 — Yzendoorn 8.5, Kokoska 8.5, Gardiner 9, Davidson 8 — Christopoulos 8, Campbell 8 (Pleasants 80th), Rooney 8.5 — Cumming 8.5, (Tront 89th) Cole 8, Paton 8 (Miltton 67th)

RED STAR: Stojanovic 6 Miletovic 7 — Krmpotic 8, Juricic 7, Nikolic 7.5, (Stevanovic 70th) Jovic 6 Jurovski 6, 55th) — Blagojevic 6, Milosavljevic 8 — Petrovic 6, Savic 6 (Filipovic 7, 55th), Repcic 6.5

Referee: Stewart Mellings 7.



Zoran Filipovic — scored Red Star's goal four minutes from the end



It was a memorable night for George Christopoulos (left) who scored a goal in his debut for Victoria. His team mates, from left, are: Alan Davidson, Gary Cole and Jimmy Rooney



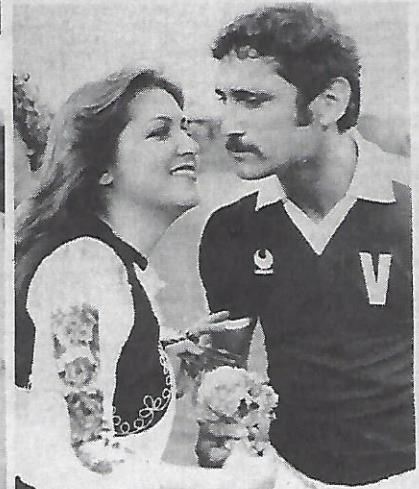
Who's fouling who? A tangle of arms in this confrontation between Srebenko Repcic and Victoria's John Yzendoorn



Red Star lines up before its loss to Victoria at Olympic Park. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Steve Kokoska (on ground), brings down Red Star striker Dusan Savic (No 9), with Alan Davidson (front) and Jimmy Rooney (right) standing by



Steve Kokoska gets a kiss from a lovely lady in Yugoslav national dress before kick-off at Olympic Park

NSW shipped

Famous Yugoslav club Red Star Belgrade thrashed New South Wales 5-0 at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday

The Yugoslavs strode confidently to victory with goals from Filipovic (2), Repcic and Petrovic. NSW defender Kevin Mullen had the misfortune of scoring an own goal.

Due to publication deadlines, 'Soccer Action' is unable to print a full report on the game in this week's issue. However, in-depth coverage will appear in next week's issue.

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Red Star goalkeeper Jukoven falls South

SA to follow Victoria's lead?

By FRANK PANGALLO

South Australia's coach Edmund Kreft wants the State squad to be kept in regular training all year round.

His belated plea came soon after Red Star's embarrassing 6-0 romp over an ill-equipped SA side at Hindmarsh Stadium.

SA offered token resistance as the Yugoslavs asserted command and meted out a punishing lesson in total attacking football.

Kreft rallied to the defence of his players, claiming he didn't have enough time to prepare his squad for the crack Yugoslav side.

"I wasn't disappointed at all. They gave their best under the circumstances," Kreft argued.

"We're at least two yards behind in fitness which is understandable, considering many of the players have only just begun full training and were caught out of season."

Kreft overlooked the fact that Red Star was also playing between seasons.

Kreft says he wants his squad to train together at least once a week during the year, twice a week a fortnight before a game, and an additional two weeks in fortnightly trial matches.

"We just can't go on in the present situation."

"It's not fair to the players or the people who come to watch," he said.

"I'm sure if we followed the

RED STAR 6 (Petrovic 6, 21; Blagojevic 8, 75; Milosavljevic 19; Borovnica 61) d. SOUTH AUSTRALIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

RED STAR: Jukoven 7; Krmpotic 8; Jovic 8; Nikolic 9; Miletovic 7 (Djuricic 65); Juricic 8; Petrovic 9; Blagojevic 8 (Borovnica 8 half time); Savic 8 (Milovanovic half time 8); Milosavljevic 9; Repcic 8.

SA: Crook 4, B. Nyskohus 8; Stanczak 5; Maricic 6; Bozanic 5; Kolecki 5 (Welsh 62); Dooley 6; Brown 6; J. Nyskohus 7; Kosmina 7; Key 5 (Leane 59).

freely from the rear, compounding SA's problems.

Petrovic picked up his second goal of a rebound from Crook to leave the tourists 4-nil up at the half-time break and on the way to eclipsing their 6-1 scoreline of three years ago.

The clinical dissection of SA football continued soon after the resumption when the irrepressible Petrovic figured in yet another goal after he drew out three defenders deep in the box before squaring the ball for substitute, Borovnica, to polish off a great tactical move.

Crook was found wanting in the 75th minute when Milosavljevic combined with Borovnica to score Red Star's sixth, and his second.

From a national point of view Crook's indifferent performance may have dented his hopes of ousting Greig Woodward from the number one spot. He certainly would need to produce a reversal of form to hang on to his place in the squad.

Kreft plans to stick with the same basic squad, adding one or two other PSL players, for the international against Czechoslovakia on February 6.

SA is to avoid another humiliating hiding a firm reappraisal of the situation at State level must be made to curb the apparent deterioration.

SA's standing will continue to suffer irreparable harm —

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Although most games were against weak opposition, Australia's China tour was useful in enabling Rudi Gutendorf to put together a new national team.

Most of these players will be there when Australia lines up against its first World Cup opponent in 1981.

The tour served to fill at least nine of the 11 positions in the national team.

These nine players seem sure to hold their places: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey, Jimmy Rooney, Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, and Tommy Cumming.

This leaves two positions to be filled from among the remaining 11 squad members and one or two others — Joe Plicione of Footscray, Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide or Jim Campbell of Heidelberg, for example — who were not on the tour.

Gutendorf could not have been fairer in giving everyone a chance to show what he can do, although he did tend to go overboard with the number of substitutions he made.

Some players did not travel well. Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovic, John Coyne and Bobby Russell for example, did not reach the standards they set for themselves back home.

Stopper Arno Bertogna, the Western Australian playing for Newcastle Knights United, consolidated his place in the squad, and perhaps even in the first 11, after almost being dropped just before the tour.

Bertogna demanded his expulsion after Bertogna failed to fly from Newcastle to Sydney for a training session but now Gutendorf calls him as "Australia's new Manfred Schaefer."

Ironically, former national coach Raleasic attacked that title to Bob Russell just before the tour started.

Unfortunately for Bertogna, Tony Henderson remains the more versatile and therefore the more valuable player.

Only if Henderson remains in midfield will Bertogna retain his position as stopper.

If Henderson returns to centre back, Plicione or Campbell or perhaps Gary Byrne, may slot into the team as the third midfielder alongside Boden and Rooney.

Certainly Gutendorf will have to strengthen the team's midfield to do well against stronger teams.

It's fine using four forwards and attacking with gay abandon against weak teams but this style would be suicidal against stronger opposition like Czechoslovakia.

Finally, my compliments to Gutendorf, tour leader Vic Tuting, physiotherapist Ljubo Gokovic and Dr. Siri Kannangara who worked hard at their demanding tasks.

The best players of the tour, in my opinion, were: 1. Tansey, 2. Krncevic, 3. Perry.

Goalscorers: 9. Krncevic; 3. Cole, Boden; 2. Cumming, Henderson; 1. O'Connor, Sharne.

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The Socceroos tumbled off the human anthill that is Hong Kong on November 7 and were confronted by the first of a series of cultural contrasts that would characterise their historic tour.

Hong Kong screamed. Peking was calm, functional, pure and efficient, the way it should be.

This is the heart of China, unsullied so far by the forces which turned Hong Kong into a squalid disciple of the dollar, and I wonder how China will filter out all that garish neon glare as it opens its doors wider to the world.

After much uncertainty, during which proposed matches in South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia were cancelled, the Socceroos enter China by train after going through two check-points and walking across a bridge at the border.

On arrival in Canton, coach Rudi Gutendorf, as unpredictable and flamboyant as ever, startles players and onlookers alike by leading his men in a run around the big railway car park. A session of gymnastics follows as the Chinese stare and giggle.

As a team we fly to Peking, we learn that none of Australia's games will be against the Chinese national team. The vice-president of the Chinese Football Association, Chen Jialing, says China's national team dispersed after its tour of Europe, and we are to hear later that China is, in fact, competing elsewhere in Asia.

Although we expect to see differences between Chinese and Australian soccer, it quickly is apparent that in some aspects, the game is the same world-wide.

When asked to name the coach of the Shandong Province team which is to be Australia's first opponent in Peking, Mr Cheng says: "I don't know. Coaches change all the time."

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The Nationalities Hotel is Spartan but comfortable enough. We have a choice of Chinese and western dining rooms, but Gutendorf and Doctor Siri Kannangara decided that the western food may minimise digestive disorders. Not so. There is a run on Dr Kannangara's medical cabinet.

Greg Woodhouse, the young goalkeeper from APIA, is the first training casualty. During a session on a paved basketball court, Woodhouse falls heavily on the side of his face and is ruled out for the first game.

Despite severe abrasions to his face, Woodhouse comes down to lunch, only to shuffle away again, numbing "I'm crook. I'm going back upstairs to lie down."

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Dr Kannangara and I, accompanied by our genial interpreter Li Fung, spend an embarrassing night at a performance of a Chinese opera about a fish that turns into a woman.

The whole team was to have attended but they have decided against it, so here we sit, surrounded by rows of empty seats booked for the missing Socceroos.

Over Chinese brandy — coffee in Dr. Kannangara's case — Gutendorf tells us on our return to the hotel that he wants the Socceroos to have, wait for it ... anti-terrorist training.

He reckons he will try to bring to Australia a physical conditioner who prepared West German police specialists who combated the Bader Meinhof terrorists.

"Our boys need the type of iron-like strength of the upper body that the anti-terrorists were able to achieve," he says.

"Physical strength is our most powerful weapon in the World Cup, especially against the Asians."



• Tommy Cumming — one of the stars of the tour.



Eddie Krncevic and the Chinese flag.



In the garden of the Forbidden City in Peking, from left: John Coyne, Ljubo Gokovic (front), Phil O'Connor (rear), reporter Laurie Schwab, Martyn Crook and reporter Tommy Anderson.

He also thinks out loud about the possibility of using medically-approved chemical preparations to optimise physical condition.

"In Scandinavia in particular they are pushing at the border of doping in the preparation of top athletes," he says. "I do not advocate anything illegal or harmful but this is an area we should learn more about."

Dr Kannangara's reaction is short and firm. Forget it!

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At training in the imposing Peking Workers' Stadium, Gutendorf outlines his blueprint for play. He makes it clear that everything must be based on full backs Kevin Muller and Jim Tansey attacking up the flanks.

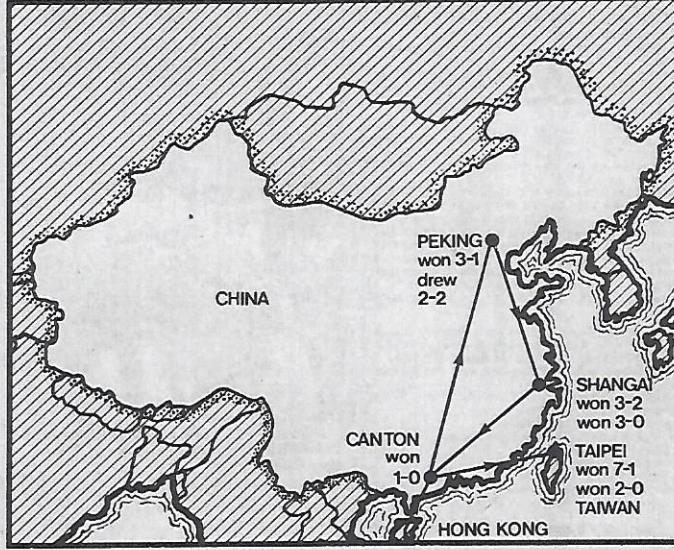
Wingers Tommy Cumming and John Nyskohus will move inside to make room for the full backs. This is the plan he hopes will get Australia into the 1982 World Cup final.

He stresses also the good old formula of guts, determination and hard running.

Maybe you do not have the skill of the Yugoslavs or the Spaniards but you have big hearts, winning power and teamwork. You will not be 11 players against 11 but against 11."

At a banquet in honor of the Australians, we meet the captain of our first opponent, Shandong Province, which won the soccer tournament of the National Games.

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tifully restored complex of ornate buildings and gardens which served as the home of China's emperors.

Interspersed with the courtyards to buy our educator in the ways of the Chinese. He has told me about the average wage — about \$40 a month, how the government encourages families to remain small by offering grants to families with no more than two children.

Outside the concubines' quarters in the Forbidden City the talk turns to infidelity and adultery. Not allowed, says Li. What is the punishment, we ask. "You are publicly criticised by the party. So what?" "You lose face," Li answers earnestly.

Gutendorf, in one of the courtyards flanked by imposing buildings and walls, declares: "I would use these buildings as grandstands and the courtyard as a soccer pitch." And, to a shy but curious attendant staring at Mark Jankovic in the souvenir shop, Li says: "You like him? You can buy him. Only 55 dollars."

Earlier, in the hotel, Gutendorf did his block when Jankovic complained he had twisted an ankle while running on the terraces during a Chinese league match to which the Socceroos had been invited. "You idiot," Gutendorf screamed. "I will send you home. We pay thousands of dollars on your trip and you go running up and down the stairs like a maniac."

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Gutendorf shows a flair for substitutions during the first match against Shandong Province at the Peking Workers' Stadium.

Gary Cole batters the Shandong defence into submission when he comes on as central striker at half time and Phil O'Connor dominates the left wing after replacing John Nyskohus.

After a shaky opening 10 minutes during which Gutendorf leaves Ken Boden too far forward and thus conceder the midfield to Shandong, the Socceroos start to get the better of the game.

Captain Jimmy Rooney is a human whirlwind but it is Steve Perry who deserves most praise. Perry has remained in midfield after doing a good job shadowing Franz Beckenbauer in the victory over New York Cosmos in Sydney, and he excels once more.

When he returns to right back, replacing Kevin Mullen, Perry cuts off Shandong's main avenue of attack, blotting out winger Chang Tsong-fan.

In the near-freezing cold Shandong takes the lead after 55 minutes when Australian goalkeeper Marty Crook reacts too late to prevent An Chen from heading into the net.

But Australia equalises within seconds. Rooney's corner goes to Perry whose cross is headed hard by Tony Henderson. Shandong goalkeeper Li Chonghai spills the ball and Ken Boden rams it home. Enthusiastic roars and explosions of firecrackers greet Australia's goal, just as they had greeted the goal by Shandong.

In the 67th minute Perry plays the ball forward to Cole who lashes a powerful low shot virtually through the hands of the goalkeeper to put Australia into the lead.

Phil O'Connor scores the final goal after excellent lead-up work by Peter Sharne and Cole three minutes from the end.

Shane puts the ball into the net in an offside position just before the end, and there are many other scoring chances during play — three by Jankovic, three by Cole, two by Rooney, one by Boden.

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Cole and Jankovic are the leading contenders for the central striker's position. Eddie Krncevic rates only as a substitute. Gutendorf feels Krncevic may lack experience. He's just come up from the youth team.

So Gutendorf tells Cole and Jankovic they will play one-half each in the next match, against the strong Peking team.

"I am giving both of them a chance. The one who wants the position permanently will have to earn it," Gutendorf says on his way to training in the Workers' Stadium.

The weather has changed dramatically. Yesterday it was relatively mild. Today it is minus nine degrees Celsius. The wind cuts through you. It is so strong it blows corrugated iron sheets off the roof of the grandstand. Crashes echo like gunshots through the arena.

Two days earlier, at the same place, we had been bothered by mosquitoes. None today. Probably died from the cold.

Cole and Jankovic, as well as all the others, miss easy chances during this training session.

"If you do not score here you will never score," Gutendorf screams above the howl of the icy gale. He says he will have to concentrate on correcting this inaccuracy in training sessions on tour and he proves true to his word.

Our faces and hands are numb. When you smile it feels like your face is cracking.

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Gutendorf makes two changes to the team that has been shandong. Bobby Russell comes in for his full match, replacing Kevin Mullen at right back. A former Glasgow Celtic Junior, Russell joined Adelaide City via Sydney Croatia.

Phil O'Connor, who moved from St. George to APIA for \$90,000 just before the tour, replaces John Nyskohus up front.

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At another banquet — this one arranged by Australian tour leader Vic Tuting with the help of the Australian Embassy — the interpreter strikes a snag when Gut-

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endor tells Chinese soccer officials their players must learn how to tackle.

Apparently there is no Chinese equivalent of the word 'rape'.

The one the interpreter chooses after some hesitation also means rape.

No wonder the bi-linguals are chuckling into their napkins.

Turing announces at the banquet he has invited China to send its national under 15 team on an Australian tour. He now invites Chinese Federation president Li Fonglo to accompany the team.

Inspired perhaps by the visit to Peking of Greek prime minister Constantine Karamanlis, Gutendorf assumes the role of statesman and diplomat at the banquet, attended by the vice-minister in charge of external sports, Li Tang.

"My mother and father told me when I was a child that the Chinese were so poor that they couldn't afford to feed their kids," Gutendorf tells the gathering.

"I come from another part of the world and another political system... (at this point Australian embassy officials are starting to wince)... but I think your own system has made the Chinese people happier than they were before. (Noticeable sighs of relief all round.)

"Now everyone can feed their families and babies."

With colleague Peter Logue of Australian Associated Press, I lead the Australian party to visit the Peking Institute of Physical Culture on the outskirts of town.

Australia has nothing to compare with this impressive complex which features:

- 10 soccer pitches;
- a shooting range;
- three grounds for field events;
- an indoor running track and gymnasium;
- 24 basketball courts;
- two baseball diamonds;
- eight volleyball courts;
- an Olympic-size indoor heated swimming pool and an outdoor pool that doubles as an ice skating rink in winter;
- a river that will be widened and deepened for rowing.

Founded in 1953 to cater for the Chinese sports boom, the Institute has 1500 live-in students of both sexes and 1000 staff members, half of them specialist coaches.

There are courses to train would-be sports teachers and programmes designed to improve the performances of outstanding competitors.

During a four-year-course, a student does sports theory, physiology, politics, a language and has to reach a set standard of proficiency in each of nine sports.

China has at least 10 schools similar to the Peking Institute.

Their most important function is not necessarily to mould champion athletes of today but to foster good health and to produce teachers and coaches with the expertise to give China a steady stream of athletes who may become international champions of the future.

Are you listening, Mr Fraser?

At the Institute, we hear that China is interested in perhaps hosting the 1980 Olympics.

Deng Xiaoping, vice-chairman of China, is on record as saying it would be "not inconsiderable" for China to stage the Olympics.

A vice-minister of sport, Li Meng Hua, head of the China Sports Federation, has said China will host the 1980 Olympics. "If enough of our friends support us."

After a bruising 2-2 draw with the talented Peking team, it is clear that Chinese players are no puny weaklings to be brushed aside with contempt.

Gary Cole's brief, fingerless shinguards is evidence that the Chinese are keeping well abreast of western trends. Their bone-crunching tackles are every bit as sure as those of the Soccerros.

Gutendorf complains with justification about referee Tsao Jing-jen who is too slow with his whistle, awards scores of unnecessary free kicks, fails to award a penalty when Mark Jankovics is floored by a yellow card and shows John Coyne the yellow card... twice!

Australia is hampered further by the cold of minus five degrees celsius but no amount of excuses can explain away this inept performance.

There is no cohesion between midfield and attack and marking is slack during Peking's set raids.

Only flashes of individual brilliance save Australia from defeat but even in individual play, Australia does not show the same skill as the Chinese.

As bad as for general team work, Peking leaves Australia for dead.

Australia can thank its lucky stars that it has Jimmy Rooney back after a two-year absence.

He is the midfield maestro against Peking, as he was in the 3-1 victory over Shandong.

With Steve Perry marking Peking playmaker Li Hui and Ken Boden spending much of his time in attack, Rooney is left as the only man moving up and down the pitch constantly. When the Australian defence is twisted into knots, Rooney appears to alleviate the danger. If most of the Australian moves break down, it is not Rooney who should be blamed. At least he starts most of them.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook also shows flashes of brilliance. He dives bravely at the feet of Li Hui who breaks away in the fifth minute and makes a spectacular one-handed save from Yu Yang Shu at the half-hour mark.

But Crook is lucky not to be sent off the field over a display of temper. In protest against an incorrect corner kick decision, Crook boots the ball towards the



• All rugged up at the Ming Tombs — Jim Tansey (left), Arno Bertogna, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole.



• Cruising on Shanghai Harbour, rear, from left: Interpreter Cheung, Interpreter Xian, Peter Sharne, physiotherapist Ljubo Gajkovic, Steve Perry saluting, Kevin Mullen, Bobby Russell, Phil O'Connor, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, John Nyskohus, Martyn Crook, Mark Jankovics, Tony Henderson with head bowed, interpreter Li. Middle: John Coyne (left), Greg Woodhouse, Ivo Prakalo, Arno Bertogna, Ken Boden partly obscured, Eddie Krnecvic looking at the ground, Dr Siri Kannangara, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole, Chinese official. Foreground: Rudy Gutendorf and Vic Tuting.



Mao's tomb in Peking. In the foreground is team doctor Siri Kannangara.

referee. It does not hit him but such behaviour earns the card back home.

Again from Rooney and Crook, the only Soccerroses considerably above average are Ivo Prakalo, Phil O'Connor, Jim Tansey and Ken Boden in flashes. Steve Perry sticks resolutely to his task of marking Li Hui.

Yet even these players can do much better, as they are shown to later games.

As was the case against Shandong Province, Australia falls behind early against Peking when Tony Henderson turns a square ball from Shung Shan-fu into his own net in the 21st minute.

Ken Boden equalises from a penalty awarded when O'Connor is fouled by Liu De-ji five minutes before half time.

Kevin Mullen replaces Bobby Russell and Gary Cole comes on for Mark Jankovics at half time.

Cole's strength unsettles the Peking defence and his broken shinguards are seen after the game that someone would stop him at all costs.

Tommy Cumming puts Australia into the lead after O'Connor has headed on a Tansey free kick but half-time substitute Li Fu Bao levels the score four minutes from the end with a powerful drive that deflects off Mullen's back and wrong-foots goalkeeper Crook.

John Coyne, making his Australian debut, is shown the yellow card for coming on as a substitute before the referee has given formal permission, and again in the last few minutes over an incident behind play.

Two of the highlights of our stay in Peking are visits to the Great Wall (three hours' drive by bus) and Mao's tomb in Tien An Men square, just down the road from the National Stadium.

After 100 minutes 10 coaches on the Great Wall, at the top of a steep hill, and we marvel at its magnitude, we try to imagine the time and the lives that went into building it, as we look towards Mongolia in a gale so strong and cold that we find it hard to breathe. It was as a defence against the Mongolians that the wall was built.

Tien An Men square is a hushed sea of grey and blue, the only-colors worn by the Chinese here in winter. Thousands are there, talking in hushed tones which fade

into silence as they mount the steps four abreast, approaching the room where lies the body of Mao, seen in a glass coffin.

It is on show only on certain days, and is lowered again into the cold bowls of the tomb. There is concern about the body. Some say its color has changed.

Shanghai is much warmer than Peking. The sun brightens our spirits as well as the surroundings. Shanghai's narrow, winding streets contrast with Peking's long, wide boulevards. This place is more human. The people smile more.

But the best thing is the air. It is free of the dust that inflames sinuses in Peking, there is at least some humidity here.

And the Jing-an Guest House is a treat. It is graceful.

Its large Windows and balconies let the light in. In contrast, the Nationalities Hotel was cavernous. But the traffic — taxis mostly — is even more chaotic here.

In Peking, everyone ate western-style. In Shanghai at least half the players fall in love with the local food.

The other half sticks with the western stuff.

I can't understand it. How can you pass up that sweet and sour pork, that Chinese cabbage, the prawns and the fish?

Jim Tansey, John Nyskohus and Jimmy Rooney, who toured China with the 1978 Soccerros, have noticed some significant changes consistent with China's modernisation drive.

"We couldn't get western food at all last time but now it appears that it's available at most of the hotels," Tansey says.

"The Chinese stared at us wherever we went in 1976, as if we were Martians, but in Peking at least they seem a little more blasé about having foreigners around," Rooney adds.

"There are some signs of western-style commercialism," Nyskohus says. "For instance, we saw a big, colorful window advertisement for Sony televisions in a Shanghai department store.

"That would have been taboo last time. The Chinese are evidently getting with it since Chairman Mao died."

Gutendorf names his team for the match against Shanghai. Captain Rooney, who has been taking medication for a cold, is to be rested and replaced by Arno Bertogna, the 28-year-old centre back from Newcastle KB United.

Tony Henderson moves from centre back to midfield and Steve Perry from midfield to right back.

Both Jankovics and Cole will share the third player trial on the wing opposite that of Cumming whose position is unchallenged. In goal, Woodhouse replaces Crook.

Gutendorf kicks a ball onto the pitch in disgust, heaves a crate of soft drinks onto the running track and fines goalkeeper Woodhouse \$50 as the Soccerros defeat Shanghai, the referee and two linesmen 3-2.

Gutendorf and the players are disgusted by what he calls blatantly partisan refereeing.

Indeed, referee Tsang's handling is even worse than the inept referee who handled the 2-2 draw with Peking.

Gutendorf dispenses with his usual "Circle of concentration" during which the players hold hands and chant motivating slogans. "We don't need it," he says in the dressing room. "I don't think this will be a very strong team. I want you to relax and express yourselves out there."

But after four minutes Shanghai has taken the lead.

Bertogna misses a tackle on Shi Chi-Kang who slips the ball short for Yu Hui-hong to score the first goal.

A poor back pass by Tony Henderson almost results in another Shanghai goal but Australia equalises when Tommy Cumming cuts the ball back to Ken Boden who lobs it high into the top corner of goal in the 13th minute.

"It takes us too long to get warmed up. Now we start playing... after quarter of an hour. This is rubbish," Gutendorf says of the back.

Then the refereeing trouble starts. Jim Tansey is cursing out loud while running back after referee Tsang wrongly has flagged outside. "You're right, Tansey,"

"I'm very impressed with Steve Perry also," he adds.

But after another offside call Gutendorf is back on his feet, urging the players to protest en masse. They do so, rushing at the referee, but he has the poise to wave them away.

In Chinese soccer there is a head referee, seated on the touchline who has ultimate power and who arbitrates on complaints by either side.

Approached by the irate Australian coach, the head official conceded only that Tsang has made "a few" mistakes.

"This team is stronger than I had thought," Gutendorf says in the dressing room at half time.

"The referee is against us and so are the linesmen. They flag offside for everything, so when you have the ball, go through alone. It's the only way."

Gutendorf still is fuming over Tsang's disallowance of a goal from Henderson just before half time. The shot, from a free kick, gave the goalkeeper no chance, but Tsang ruled Cumming was marginally offside.

Australia resumes with Eddie Krnecvic at centre forward in place of Cole, and Phil O'Connor on for Jankovics.

Within a minute Shanghai loses its goalkeeper, Liu Won-bing, injured in a collision with Krnecvic and carried off on a stretcher.

Boden follows half-time advice, running alone past three opponents into the penalty area where he's floored by an illegal tackle from behind. A blatant penalty but Tsang says it's not.

The last straw! Gutendorf storms to the head official, picks up a ball and in a grandiose act of defiance, boots it hard onto the playing pitch.

He strides back to the Australian bench, picks up a crate of soft drinks supplied by Shanghai officials, walks onto the running track and throws it hard onto the ground.

O'Connor and Henderson combine to make Gutendorf's smile again.

O'Connor holds the ball well and crosses it to Henderson, whose low drive beats the groping substitute goalkeeper, Gao Wai-ping, to put Australia into the lead after 55 minutes.

The Soccerros start playing their own version of aerial ping-pong. "That's the only way with these small Chinese goalkeepers. Beat them in the air," Gutendorf says.

A long cross from Tansey, best on the field, has the desired effect. Krnecvic heads it down to Peter Sharne who scores to give Australia a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute.

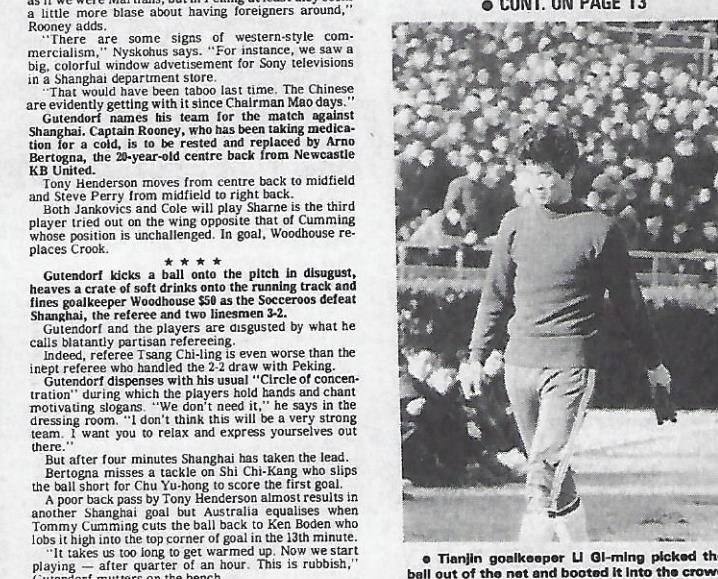
John Nyskohus and John Coyne come on for Cumming and Henderson and for a while it's little more than a training game.

Then the fire! Goalkeeper Woodhouse is fouled, loses his temper and throws the ball hard at an opponent.

Referee Tsang flashes the yellow card and Gutendorf immediately has Martyn Crook warming up to replace Woodhouse.

"Is he mad? In Europe you are sent off for such stupidity. I will fine him \$50 dollars for that," Gutendorf says.

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• Tianjin goalkeeper Li Gi-ming picked the ball out of the net and booted it into the crowd during wild scenes in Shanghai. His coach took him off the field when play resumed. Here he is heading for the dressing rooms in disgrace.

Arno Bertogna (left), Tony Henderson, Ken Boden, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole and Jim Tansey warm up before Australia's match against Shanghai.

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where the stadiums were too far away, also hampered us. The boys want to get out with a ball, but there's nowhere to go."

The Socceroos embarrass tour leader Vic Tuting by winning one of Chiang Kai Shek's performances in a city theatre. The players reckon they're bored.

"I'm disgusted," says Tuting. "The Chinese went to a lot of trouble to organise the night for us. There's no reason why the players could not have stayed until the end."

When the Socceroos pull up at the Viet Shu ground for a training session, the scene resembles the Melbourne Cricket Ground when finals tickets go on sale.

Fans are waiting in long queues for the ticket windows to open. Our interpreter, Li Fung, who has been with us since Peking, together with two of his comrades, tells us that the fans started to line up at 4 am.

Eddie Krncevic scores his fourth goal in as many as the Socceroos, inspired by a brilliant performance by Jim Tansey, beat the Canton Army 1-0.

Tansey dominates the left flank and delivers the cross that leads to Krncevic's winning goal in the 61st minute.

The win leaves the Australians unbeat after five matches in China. Now it's off to Taiwan, via Hong Kong.

The Canton Army provides the Socceroos with their toughest opposition so far.

Having assessed Australia's strength in the televised 2-2 draw with Peking, the Army team plays a tight defensive game, with a sweeper behind two centre backs, and only one striker up front.

The Socceroos, especially Tansey and right back Perry, are holding away at that steadfast defence but with Krncevic and Cumming marked tightly, there is no way through.

Gutendorf brings on Sharpe at half time to provide width and speed in attack and instructs his players to try to draw out the Chinese backs.

Just after half time, he replaces Ken Boden with big

Gary Cole to give Australia more strength in the air. It pays off immediately when Cole goes up to chest the ball down to Krncevic who scores the only goal.

The Chinese show skill and speed and their keeper, Ching Yiang-chao, is an excellent all-round player but their emphasis on defence means that Australian goal keeper Greg Woodhouse has only two shots to save during the 90 minutes, and neither worries him.

With Tansey by far the best on the ground, Australia's other stars in Perry, Bertogna and Prskalo, Boden has a few spectacular runs and Nyskohus is excellent in midfield after coming on as a substitute late in the first half.

In Hong Kong, we lose not only O'Connor but also John Nyskohus who heads home in anguish after hearing that his mother is seriously ill in Adelaide.

The team has Nyskohus and O'Connor from the Lee Gardens Hotel and wish them both luck.

Doug Utjesenovic, Marian Opatic and John Stoddart pay us a visit. Utjesenovic (St. George), Opatic (Beograd, SA) and Stoddart (Sutherland) are on short contracts with the Hong Kong teams.

Taipei and the "other China" is only an hour's flight from Hong Kong by European airbus — very roomy and comfortable.

The airport is named after Chiang Kai Shek, who fled to this island and formed an exile government when Mao came to power.

"China is the enemy," a customs official tells us when we ask why he is tearing open boxes of presents Tommy Cumming has brought with him from Peking.

Jade horses, ivory jewellery boxes and bamboo wall hangings are examined closely.

"Have you anything from China in your luggage?"

That's all the customs official wants to know.

Then, a series of horrors, comes Mark Jankovic, carrying a shoulder bag emblazoned brazenly with "Jian an Guest House - Shanghai."

They won't permit those subversive words to be seen in public so Jankovic has to turn his bag inside out!

Soccer officials — all from the military — are curious about what we saw and experienced in China but they do not say whether they approve of our visit to "the enemy."

Unfortunately the China experience seems to have been lost on most of the players.

Only a few marvelled at the sights and sounds and the warmth of the people. On the train from Canton to Hong Kong, the others were singing. "Nothing could be finer than to (expeditively deleted) out of China in the morning."

Peter Sharne, nick-named the "Sandwich Kid" because he would not eat Chinese food, had a slap-up western meal in Hong Kong and still is sick at Taipei Airport.

Captain Rooney and defender Ivo Prskalo — the only player to have completed the five tour matches so far without being substituted — are the men in greatest demand as we arrive to be greeted with garlands of flowers and TV cameras.

For the first time the Socceroos' glamor boy, Rudi Gutendorf, stands in the background as the Press and TV lavish their attentions on Rooney and Prskalo.

On the evening of our arrival, we are dined and wined at the Army officers' club. The food is delicious.

The next day, when Gutendorf sees the shocking, cut-up, muddy pitch at the city stadium, he threatens not to field his team if it is not improved.

It is only a bluff. The game is to go ahead, with no change to the pitch.

Eddie Krncevic breaks the Socceroos' goal-scoring record by notching five as Australia brushes aside the weak Taipei City Bank team 7-1.

The previous best had been hat-tricks by Archie Blue (1965), Attila Abonyi (two in 1967), Adrian Alston (1970 and 1974), Mike Denton (1970), Peter Olerton (1970) and Krncevic himself two games earlier against Tianjin.

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Before the match in Canton, standing from left: Gutendorf, Cole, Mullen, Jankovics, Krncevic, Bertogna, Russel, Tansey, Henderson, Dr Kannangara. Front: Nyskohus, O'Connor, Prskalo, Coyne, Boden, Rooney (rear), Crook (front), Cumming (rear), Woodhouse (front), Perry, Sharne.



Part of the large crowd, plus one TV camera, at the Coliseum-like Canton stadium.

His five games against the Bank give him a total of nine in the five matches.

"Best striker in Australia — by far," says his Marconi team mate Prskalo on the way back to the modern Sesame Hotel.

Prskalo, member of more than 20 overseas tours with Yugoslav club Velez Mostar before joining Marconi, is Krncevic's mentor. The young striker respects Prskalo's experience and achievements and he listens to the "Old Man's" advice.

So he doesn't take it lightly when Prskalo mutters: "Unbelievable how you missed those two chances." He is referring to chances fronted by which Krncevic should have scored another two goals.

Another of his Marconi team mates, Tony Henderson, had been saying all along that Krncevic has no peers among strikers in Australia, but it's taken the scoring feats of the past few days to give Krncevic No.1 ranking ahead of Jankovic and Cole.

Henderson, incidentally, and Cole, score the other two goals against the City Bank. Henderson injures a groin muscle shortly after his goal and has to be replaced.

Although the 7-1 scoreline constitutes the Socceroos' third-biggest win after the 9-0 against Macao in 1970 and the 8-1 against Combined Services in Singapore in 1967, it does nothing at all for Australia's pride.

Most of the players are disgusted at having to play against a team of such a low standard.

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RALE RASIC

Our kids
streets
ahead
of U.S.

The image projected by the New York Cosmos tends to suggest that if American soccer is not No. 1 in the world, then it soon will be.

But anyone who believes this is fooling himself.

During a recent visit to the U.S. I watched a schools championship, part of which was televised.

The standard of play was abysmal, Australian junior soccer is at least 300 times better.

Some players didn't even know the rules!

And yet the North American Soccer League (NASL) has rules aimed at increasing the number of local players in each of its teams.

The idea is eventually to include only one or two foreigners.

It's fine in theory but from what I saw, the youngsters are not good enough, which suggests that the coaches aren't much good either.

Top NASL coaches like Rinus Michels are busy enough with their clubs and appear not to be concerned with junior soccer.

Cosmos may be a super team and a super organization at the moment but if it had six or seven locals in its team, it would lose its appeal.

During my visit to the Cosmos, I took the opportunity to discuss a possible link-up between Australian Soccer Camps and the Cosmos camp staffed by super-stars including Pele and Georgio Chinaglia.

Don't be surprised if we manage to bring out a few superstars for the Australian Soccer Camps early next year.

We aim also to introduce an exchange system between us and the Americans which is great news for the boys who take part.

Meanwhile, extensions to the Dural (NSW) headquarters of ASC brings the total value of the complex to \$2.5 million.

The complex will be available not only for junior coaching but also as training headquarters for junior teams and for training camps by the Socceroos.

My best wishes go to the newest PSL coach, Rocco Ili, my old friend who has taken over Footscray J.U.S.T.

I've known him for a decade and during this time he has been a brilliant player and a diligent student of the game.

He dedicated two years of full-time study in Yugoslavia to equip himself for his new career as a coach. I'm sure he will do well. J.U.S.T. could not have made a better choice.



Australia's Brett Woods tracks Iraq's Karim during the Lion City Cup final in Singapore

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

Perhaps we could have come home with the Lion City Cup, but finishing runner-up to Iraq in this prestigious tournament in Singapore was no disgrace.

I will never know whether I was wrong in not making a change during the final or whether we could have beaten Iraq had we not played defensively.

As it was, we had to be content with second place. I congratulate Iraq, but they were assisted by our handicaps — injuries, abysmal accommodation, unpleasant food and hostile supporters.

The tournament opened with a colorful ceremony before a crowd of 30,000.

Teams in their uniform and national dress marched around the wonderful National Stadium. It was a great experience for our young Australian team, which had the honor of playing the first match of the series.

We were a goal up in the first 15 minutes and went to score four more in beating Malaysia 4-0.

This bright start was to bring a back-lash, as the Arab countries, even through they examined our passports, claimed our boys could not be under 16.

The Press gave this headlines the following day and from then on, we were given a hostile reception every time we ran onto the field.

Two of our major problems were the lack of hotel and the noise, which was due to the proximity of the other teams. Sleeping was out of the question before midnight.

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If I had made this report the day after I returned home, I would have stated that so many of the boys were too immature. Now I realize this is not important. What is important is that at club level there is no communication on the two most important aspects concerning a young player — attitude and field discipline.

This was the major problem I had to correct. I had a good, if not total, response.

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I had the responsibility of selecting this squad during the national championship if Sydney during August and September.

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— By BILL CURRAN —
coach of the Australian under 16 team

SHAM'S SATURDAY SMILE



A cartoon in the "Straits Times" before the final of the Lion City Cup

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HOW THEY FINISHED

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Iraq	6	4	1	1	17	4	9
Bahrain	6	4	1	1	11	5	9
Singapore B	6	3	0	3	14	22	6
Sth Korea	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
India	6	1	1	4	3	11	3
Malaysia A	6	0	0	6	1	19	0

Semi-finals: Australia 3 v Singapore A 10; Thailand 1 v Iraq 3 after extra time.

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Two Aussies in all-stars

Singapore's "New Nation" newspaper picked the following all-star team of the tour.

Goalkeeper — Ebrahim Sultan (Bahrain); Defenders — Brett Woods (Australia), Suliman Dossary (Saudi Arabia), Newar Zedan (Iraq — Captain), Suphat Phumail (Thailand); Midfielders — Ayad Hassan (Iraq), Clark Anderson (Australia), Ali Al-Kayal (Saudi Arabia); Strikers — Jameel Jassim (Bahrain).

UNFAIREST OF THEM ALL

Australia finished last in the fair play award of the Lion City Cup tournament after the six preliminary-round matches.

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GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Thailand	6	6	0	0	23	2	12
Singapore A	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Au. Arabia	6	3	1	2	14	6	7
Malaysia B	6	3	2	2	14	6	7
Brunei	6	2	1	3	6	11	5
Indonesia	6	1	0	5	3	24	2
Hong Kong	6	0	0	6	5	25	0

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Standings, with penalty points in brackets:

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UEFA TIXES transfer limit

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Under a UEFA rule soon to be ratified, maximum transfer fees for players will be restricted to 500,000 pounds which will be a big blow to English clubs, whose players are being tempted more and more by big pay-offs offered especially by the West German clubs.

★★★

Liam Brady, Arsenal's Eire international midfielder and one of the most accomplished players in Europe, says he intends to leave for the continent when his present contract expires in the summer.

★★★

Another British player could be heading for Germany. Derek Hales, Charlton's controversial striker who had moves to West Ham and Derby for around 500,000 pounds before returning to London with his old club, has been watched several times by a German first division club.

★★★

Greek club Panathinaikos wants Manchester United's coach Harry Gregg, survivor of the 1958 Munich air disaster, as coach and is reported to be offering a contract worth 40,000 pounds a year.

★★★

Hamburg bid for Southampton striker Steve Williams once Kevin Keegan finds new pastures with Juventus which is reported to be offering the 26-year-old Keegan around 500,000 pounds a season which would make him the highest paid soccer player in the world.

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Nikola Jovanovic could have gone to Munich instead of Manchester United. The 5ft 2½ red star defender has said United is the most popular foreign team in Yugoslavia. It is reported he received 90,000 pounds as his share of the 300,000 pounds transfer.

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Will Austria Wien star Herbert Prohaska be the next big foreigner to come to England? Both Brighton and Leeds are quoted to be interested but so also are Inter Milan and A.S. Roma.

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Bruce Rioch, the former Scotland skipper, has been placed on Derby County's transfer list for the give-away price of 25,000 pounds.

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Nick Deacy, the 26-year-old Welsh international striker, has been transferred from Belgian side Beerschot to Vitesse Arnhem of Holland.

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Yugoslav keeper Mijo Nizetic has joined George Best at Scottish Premier League side Hibernian.

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Stan Bowles, 30, the Queens Park Rangers and former England striker, joined Nottingham for a fee of 250,000 pounds.

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Bobby Moore O.B.E., England's most famed footballer when it won the World Cup in 1966, has joined Isthmian Premier League side Oxford City as manager-coach. Moore, who had 16 seasons with West Ham when it won the F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup, also won 10 caps for England — more than any other Englishman. He finished his playing career with Fulham.

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Oxford City is run and owned by Fiver News, which owns giveaway newspapers all over the country.

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Billy Hamilton, Queens Park Rangers Northern Ireland international striker, transferred to struggling Burnley for a mere 50,000 pounds.

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Sunderland paid out a club record fee of 320,000 pounds for Claudio Marangoni, an Argentine World Cup player.

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Speculation exists in Italy as to who will succeed national coach Enzo Bearzot when he retires. Two names being freely bandied around for the post are Giovanni Trapattoni of Juventus and Gigi Radice of Torino.

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Helmut Schoen, that legendary German, now spends much of his time gardening at his Frankfurt home and going for long walks. His only contact with soccer is through

television and reading the newspapers.

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Brighton failed in a bid to land Rainer Bonhof, the West German international now with Valencia in Spain. Brighton and Valencia agreed on the transfer fee but Bonhof priced himself out of the move by wanting more than 1000 pounds a week.

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Two former Essendon Lions (Vic) players of around a decade ago, Tom Rosevear and Willie Hamilton, are now coaching Ayrshire Junior Club Hurford.

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Hull City has bought out the remaining seven months of Mike Smith's contract as manager of Wales for 8000 pounds.

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Zdenek Nehoda has been elected Czechoslovakian player of the year in his third year.

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Jack Mansell a former English League full back has at 52 been appointed as the first foreigner to coach the Israeli national team. Mansell is ex-Reading and Rotherham United.

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Edmon Bannon of Dundee United whose three brothers Vic, Peter and Jed all play in Melbourne, had his first international cap for Scotland against Belgium.

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Foreign players trailed badly in Press ratings when the Spanish season reached its Christmas break. Austria's Hans Krankl, England's Laurie Cunningham and Dane Allan Simonsen didn't even make the top hundred.

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West Germany is reported to have offered its players a massive 7000 pounds each to win the European championships.

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Teddy Maybank, the 23-year-old Brighton striker, returned to his former club Fulham for half the transfer fee the London club got for him, which was 23,000 pounds two years ago.

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Scotland's under 21 side showed up its "big brothers" by qualifying for the European Championship Finals, topping its section with one match to play.

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